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Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health to the Lancaster Port Health Authority for the year 1957

* SECTION I - STAFF

TABLE A

Name of Officer	Nature of appointment	Date of appointment	Qualifications	Any other appointments held
		No change		

Address and Telephone No. of the Medical Officer of Health:- The Public Health Department, Thurnham Street, Lancaster. Tel: Lancaster 5272, Ext. 50

SECTION II - AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Registered Tonnage	Number inspected		Number of ships reported as having, or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Sanitary Inspector	
Foreign Ports	3	906	-	2	Nil
Coastwise	31	5,346	-	-	Nil
Total	34	6,252	-	2	Nil

SECTION III - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic	Number of passengers	INWARDS	Nil
	Number of passengers	OUTWARDS	Nil
Cargo Traffic	Principal IMPORTS Principal EXPORTS		Clay, Linseed Oil, Stone, Gravel, Fertilizer, China Clay, Coke Breeze.
Principal Ports from which ships arrive			Rotterdam, Rouen, Dunkirk, Manchester, Liverpool, Greenock.

SECTION IV - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

Numbers and tonnage using the district and places served by the traffic

Nil

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* SECTION V - WATER SUPPLY

(1) Source of supply for (a) the district and (b) shipping

(2) Reports of tests for contamination

(3) Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants and hosepipes

(4) Number and sanitary condition of water boats, and powers of control by the Authority

No change

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*SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships)Regulations, 1952

(1) List of Infected Areas (Regulation 6).
Arrangements for the preparation and amendment of the list, the form of the list, the persons to whom it is supplied, and the procedure for supplying it to those persons

No change

cont'd.

(2) RADIO MESSAGES

(a) Arrangements for sending permission by radio for ships to enter the district (Regulation 13)

(b) Arrangements for receiving messages by radio from ships and for acting thereon (Regulation 14(1) (a) and (2).

(3) NOTIFICATIONS OTHERWISE THAN BY RADIO (Regulation 14(1) (b). Arrangements for receiving notifications otherwise than by radio and for acting thereon.

(4) MOORING STATIONS (Regulations 22 to 30). Situation of stations, and any standing directions issued under these Regulations.

(5) ARRANGEMENTS FOR -
(a) Hospital accommodation for infectious disease (Other than smallpox - see Section VII);

(b) Surveillance and follow up of contacts;

(c) Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles.

No change.

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX

(1) Name of Isolation Hospital to which smallpox cases are sent from district.

Cases would be sent to Ainsworth Smallpox Hospital near Bury.

(2) Arrangements for transport of such cases to that Hospital by ambulance, giving the name of the Authority responsible for the ambulance and the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews.

Cases would be conveyed by Local Authority's Ambulance Service (Health Division No.2, Lancashire County Council). Ambulance personnel would wear protective clothing and special arrangements would be made for the disinfection of the vehicle and the attendants, etc. Vaccinal state of ambulance personnel at 31.12.57 was as follows:- 33 men out of a total of 33 were successfully vaccinated or revaccinated during 1957.

(3) Name(s) of smallpox consultant(s) available

Dr. D.C. Liddle, Monsall Hospital, Manchester, and others as per Ministry's list of consultants.

(4) Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of smallpox

The Pathological Laboratory at the Royal Lancaster Infirmary is a recognised laboratory in the list issued by the Public Health Laboratory Service. Specimens of materials for diagnosis could be sent either direct to Professor A. W. Downie at Liverpool, or through the Pathologist at the Royal Lancaster Infirmary.

* SECTION VIII - VENEREAL DISEASE

Information as to the location, days and hours of the available facilities for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease among merchant seamen under international arrangements, including in-patient treatment and the steps taken to make these facilities known to seamen.

No change

SECTION IX - CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASE ON SHIPS

TABLE D

Category	Disease	Number of cases during the year		Number of Ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	-	-	-	-
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival	-	-	-	-
Cases landed from other ships	-	-	-	-

A short account should be given of the measures taken on the arrival by ship of (a) any case of smallpox, cholera, plague, yellow fever, typhus or relapsing fever including in Table D; (b) any suspected case of any such disease.

SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS

No cases

SECTION XI - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE

None needed

SECTION XII - MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

(1) Procedure for inspection of ships for rats.

Port Health Inspector investigates when making his inspection.

(2) Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents, with special reference to rodent plague, including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year.

Submitted to Public Health Laboratory Service, Royal Lancaster Infirmary. Number sent for examination - Nil.

(3) Arrangements in the district for deratting ships, the methods used, and, if done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor.

No specific arrangements. If need arose, rodent operators employed by Lancaster City Council might be used, or alternatively, if HCN necessary, London Fumigation Co. Ltd. of Manchester, would be contacted by telephone.

(4) Progress in the rat-proofing of ships.

Not carried out.

TABLE E

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

Category	Number
Black rats	Nil
Brown rats	Nil
Species not known	Nil
Sent for examination	Nil
Infected with plague	Nil

TABLE F

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

No. of Deratting Certificates issued					No. of Deratting Exemption Certificates issued	Total certificates issued
HCN	Other fumigant (state method)	After trapping	After poisoning ø	Total		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Nil				

ø State poisons used and number of certificates issued after each poison.

SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE G

Inspections and Notices

Nature and number of inspections		Notices Served		Result of Serving Notices
		Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
Routine inspection of Sanitary Accommodation	Foreign Coastwise	Nil		
Total				

SECTION XIV - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH)REGULATIONS, 1934 and 1948

No change

SECTION XV - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

Not applicable

SECTION XVI Miscellaneous

No change

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